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Dear Carl:

Thanks for your informative letter about the Neurospora crassa stocks. Beadle and Tatum acknowledged receiving stocks from you in the 1945 A.J.B. paper, but didn't say which they were! It certainly makes sense that the "Lindegren" stocks came from you rather than from Malloch.

I have one further question that you can perhaps help clarify, to make the story complete. Do you recall which of Dodge's crassa cultures were used to begin your 11-generation inbreeding program? I can't find this stated in your papers from the 1930's. Perhaps I have overlooked it. I presume your starting cultures were from Morgan and were those that Dodge had previously given to him in 1928 or before. Chances are, Morgan did not know more than the mating types and that they were N. crassa. In 1928 they would have been in all probability the original type strains (which originated from Marrero, Louisiana). Does this seem a reasonable conjecture, and tally with your recollection of events?

All best wishes,

Yours,

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